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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, UR

SUBJECT: NOTICIAS ATTEMPTS TO REBUT "IMPERIALIST" ALLEGATIONS  
CONCERNING PODGORNY VISIT

1. IN CURIOUS BACKPAGE EDITORIAL, DAILY NOTICIAS  
OF MARCH 22 DENOUNCED THE "IMPERIALIST OFFENSIVE  
AGAINST USSR-PRM RELATIONS." TEXT OF ARTICLE NOTES  
THAT "IMPERIALISTS" HAVE DRAWN AND WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW  
FALSE CONCLUSIONS FROM FORTHCOMING PODGORNY VISIT. ARTICLE NOTES  
IN PAST IMPERIALISTS HAVE ACCUSED MOZAMBIQUE OF HAVING  
CUBAN OR TANZANIAN BASES-A "LIE" DESIGNED TO DIS-  
CREDIT MOZAMBIQUE. SIMILARLY THE "IMPERIALIST"  
WILL TELL "LIES" ABOUT THIS VISIT, WHICH IS MERELY  
AND EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE MOZAMBICAN  
AND SOVIET PEOPLES. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "WE ARE AN  
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INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE AND CONTINUE TO MAIN-  
TAIN TIES OF SOLIDARITY WITH FRIENDLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES,  
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN CAPITALIST  
COUNTRIES". THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE  
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OBJECT OF  
ATTACK BY THE "IMPERIALISTS." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY  
RECALLING THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT MACHEL".... TO BE

ATTACKED BY THE ENEMY IS A GOOD THING; IT SHOWS WE  
ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH..."

2. COMMENT: THE MOST CURIOUS ASPECT IS THAT THE GPRM,  
WHICH IN FACT CONTROLS NOTICIAS, FEELS THE NECESSITY OF  
STRESS MOZAMBIQUE'S "SOVEREIGNTY" AND TO SUGGEST  
THAT THE VISIT IS MERELY "AN EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY."  
WE SPECULATE THIS MAY BE A SOP TO CRITICISM FROM THE  
PRO-CHINA ELEMENTS WITHIN MOZAMBIQUE AND TO THE PRC, WITH  
WHICH THE GPRM STILL EVINCES A DESIRE TO KEEP ON GOOD  
TERMS. IF TRUE, THE PRC POSITION HERE MAY BE STRONGER  
THAN MANY OBSERVERS HAVE CREDITED.  
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